



# Celebrating

The Good News of Jesus Christ



Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church

September 9, 2008

**This Sunday**  
**September 14th**  
**8:15, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.**

Rev. Diane Christianson  
"Five Practices  
of Fruitful Congregations:  
Extravagant Generosity"

Scripture:  
2 Corinthians 9:6-11a

**Healing Service**  
This Wednesday,  
September 17th Starting  
at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel

### **Prayer Families**

*We ask your prayers  
this week for these mem-  
bers of our church family:  
Elbert Blanton, Lacy and  
Joan Blanton, Patrick and  
Becky Blizzard, Leighton  
and Kennedy Blount, Jan  
D. Blount, Marvin and  
Rebecca Blount, and  
Larry and Nancy Bolen.*

*Please also pray for the  
Parlor Renovation Com-  
mittee.*

## **UMW NOW** **United Methodist Women**



**This Saturday**  
**September 13th**  
**7:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

### **WALK FOR HUNGER!**

You can help feed the hungry by walking in The Greater Greenville Crop Walk on Sunday, October 5th. There will be a potluck lunch after church and the walk begins at 2:00 p.m. The Church and Society Committee is donating \$200 to the Jarvis Memorial UMC team. Won't you join the team as a walker or financial supporter? Donations may be made on-line ([www.cwscrop.org/Carolinas/crop](http://www.cwscrop.org/Carolinas/crop)) or by printing out a PDF Donation Form and mailing in your donation. Forms will also be available in the Hall of History on Sunday. For more information, you may go online or contact Cindy or Keith Letchworth: 347-6365, 327-7050 or 327-2685.

"We walk because the world's poor walk everywhere for food, for clean water, and for firewood." Thank you for taking steps to end hunger. For more "hunger facts" and more ways to help go to [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org).

**Bible in 90 Days Update-** The summer has ended and students have returned to school. However, we know some of Jarvis' best students just completed their Summer in the Word assignment and we would love to hear from you. If you did finish the Bible in three months, please drop us a note at [jarvis-ace@earthlink.net](mailto:jarvis-ace@earthlink.net) and tell us your impression. In addition, if you did not finish the reading, but are still "in the Word" contact us as well. Has the program assisted you in reading the Bible simply for enjoyment? Have you drawn closer to God as He has revealed Himself through the reading? We'd like to hear from all of you.

## **Sunday School News and Notes**

**Living the Adventure** - You are invited to join the Living the Adventure Sunday School Class. We are beginning a new spiritual life study. Our study book is entitled *Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People* edited by Dorothy C. Bass. We meet at 10 AM each Sunday morning in room 204-206 (above the church offices). Rev. Diane Christianson is the teacher. Join us!

**JARVIS 101** - If you are considering membership at Jarvis Memorial, or would simply like to learn more about our church, you are invited to a four week class during the 10:00 AM Sunday School hour to be held in the Fellowship Hall throughout the month of September. (September 14 - Methodist beliefs and doctrine)

**Genesis: An Eight Week Study** - The Douglas Class during September and October, will study the book of Genesis during the Sunday School hour. Meeting in the Taft Christian Life Center, the class will be led by the Rev. Dr. Calvin Malefyt, author of the Community Bible Study, "Genesis: Book of Origins."

## Congratulations

Our congratulations to Joseph and Susanne Taft who were married in Asheville, NC on 8-21-08. Joseph's parents are Joe and Camilla Taft.

## Wednesday Fellowship

Wednesday nights Children's Program will begin Sept. 17th 6:30 to 7:30. Please contact Patty Marr for input or if you would like to help out (714-9012 or pat-marr@suddenlink.net).

## Missing something...

A study bible, glasses, your child's rain boots, your car keys? Perhaps you left them at the church, perhaps our staff found them. Before finding a replacement for your lost item, make sure to stop by the church office and ask about our lost and found.

## The Dead Sea Scrolls Trip Update

We will leave from the church at 9:00 a.m., tour the exhibit from 11:00 to 12:00, have lunch from 1:00 - 2:15, and return to Greenville at 4:00 p.m.

## One Day With God Camp

Please bring some extra money or a blank check with you to church. Members of the Church and Society Committee will be selling coupons from Shell Auto Spa & Detailing for a full service wash with many of their extra services for only a \$10 donation. Tickets available Sundays in the TCLC and the Hall of History or in the church office on week days. Our church will be able to keep \$5.00 of this to help finance our One Day With God Camp.

## Ulster Project

Why wait until March 17 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day? On September 17, we're halfway there! Join Celtic Connection at the Topsy Teapot at 7:00 pm to celebrate. Admission is free and donations will be accepted for the Greenville Ulster Project.

## The Harbor- Wednesday nights

We will be kicking off our Wednesday night programming on Sept. 17th, as follows:

5:15 - 6:00 p.m. - Children's Choir  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Feast is served  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Children's program and  
\*intro to adult programs

\* Each leader of an adult program will tell and answer questions about what their program offers.



## Fellowship Feast Wednesday, Sept. 17th Serving at 5:30 in Taft CLC

Menu: chicken pastry, sweet potato casserole, 7 layer salad, cornbread/rolls, and dessert

Cost: adults - \$6.00 & children - \$2.00

Meal plan: purchase 10 meals card and pay \$4.00 adult and \$2.00 kids (12 and under).

Please make reservation by email:

jarvisumc@earthlink.net; calling the church office, 752-3101, or card in pew pad on Sundays.

## The Alpha Course:

A short term, small group experience.

We would like to offer the Alpha Course this fall, but we need to start soon. Let me know if you'd like to be a part of this faith finding, friend making opportunity. Call Patty Marr to find out more (757-1883).

## SAVE THE DATE

September 19th - 20th  
at Topsal Beach.

The entire church is invited to participate in the upcoming prayer retreat "Seeking God's Face" Please call Camilla Taft (355-6475) with any questions or to reserve a spot.

## Don't forget

Current and past newsletters can be found on the Jarvis website at [www.jarvismethodist.org](http://www.jarvismethodist.org)



## United Methodist Women

**FLOOD BUCKETS** These supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood or hurricane. Please ensure that the UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Cleaning Kit contains *exactly* these items in these sizes. Additional items will be removed. Please ensure that it is packed exactly per the instructions.

5-gal. bucket with re-sealable lid  
Bleach—two 1-quart or one 82-oz.  
Liquid laundry detergent – two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle  
1 Household cleaner – 12-16 oz. bottle  
Disinfectant dish soap - 16-28 oz. bottle  
Insect repellent spray – 6-14 oz. can  
Air freshener – 8 or 9 oz.  
50 clothes pins  
**Clothesline – two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.**

5 scouring pads  
1 scrub brush  
7 sponges – assorted sizes  
18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)  
Dust masks – one 5-pk.  
2 pair latex or non-latex kitchen gloves  
1 pair work gloves  
24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon)

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles and place upright at the bottom of bucket. Place remaining items in the plastic bucket and seal lid. Be sure all materials are new & unopened. *Value: \$45 per bucket.* In a separate envelope, please send a check for at least \$1.50 for each flood bucket to help MERCI with the costs of processing and shipping. Our neighbors in the Gulf Coast need many of these buckets now. Call Hilda Alford at 756-7842 for information about getting your buckets to the MERCI Center in Goldsboro for distribution.

## Upcoming Family Life Opportunities:

- The Greater Greenville Crop Walk Sunday, October 5. Potluck lunch after church and walk begins at 2:00 p.m. to end world hunger.
- Movie night - Fri., Nov. 7th at 6:00 p.m.
- Christmas Caroling Sat., Dec. 6th at 5:30 p.m.
- Executive meeting, Mon., Nov. 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

## JSM Calendar

- Sept. 14th -10:00 a.m. - Step 24  
6:00 p.m. - Plunge  
7:30 p.m. The Current
- Sept. 20 - 10:00 a.m. - Step 24  
6:00 p.m. - Plunge  
7:30 p.m. The Current
- Sept. 27 - 10:00 a.m. - Step 24  
6:00 p.m. - Plunge  
7:30 p.m. The Current

**Jarvis  
Student  
Ministries**  
[www.jarvisism.com](http://www.jarvisism.com)

The pastoral staff would like to visit with, pray for, and offer assistance to any Jarvis members that have been hospitalized or are simply experiencing a difficult time.

So if you or another Jarvis member that you know, is in need of a Pastoral Visit, please notify the church office at 752-3101.

## Plan to be part of the Caribbean cruise!

Rev. Christianson and her husband, John Tolson, will host a group traveling January 10-17, 2009, with Educational Opportunities. The cruise will leave from Miami and stop in Puerto Rico, St. Thomas (US Virgin Islands), and St. Maarten. While traveling between stops, the group will enjoy the amenities on board the Carnival Liberty and the inspired teachings of five retired United Methodist Bishops: Robert Fannin, William Grove, Woodie White, Lloyd Knox, and Robert Morgan.

For more information, please contact Diane Christianson or go on-line to [www.eo.travelwithus.com](http://www.eo.travelwithus.com) and click on "35th Anniversary Cruise". An informational meeting will be held soon at the church. Welcome aboard!

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**St. James U.M.C. 16th Annual Spring Fling** will be held on April 25th, 2009. The Spring Fling is a day-long fund raising effort by the members of St. James Church established to assist charitable and/or benevolent institutions in Pitt County to provide for those in need by means of special projects other than routine operational expenses. Applications for charitable organizations to receive funding from the annual Spring Fling may be obtained from St. James U.M.C. located at 2000 E. 6th St. in Greenville and must be turned in before October 1st, 2008.

## Week of Sept. 14, 2008

### Children's Church:

**Kingdom Quest Leader - (9:00)** Meredith Bonnette **(11:00)** Patty Marr and Kim Kuhn  
**Acolytes: (8:15)** Brett Bowman **(11:00)** Briana Brown  
**Crucifer: (8:15)** Caroline Edwards **(11:00)** Madison Faulconer

## Music and Worship News -by Dr. Stan McDaniel

### The Chorister's Prayer



Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants,  
who minister in Thy temple.  
Grant that what we sing with our  
lips,  
we may believe in our hearts,  
and what we believe in our hearts,  
we may show forth in our lives.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

The Royal School of Church Music in London has used the prayer at left as its blessing for church musicians since the 1930's. The origin of the prayer is much older though, going back to a 13<sup>th</sup> century prayer used for the consecration of cantors (music leaders) to minister in worship. The Latin goes like this: "*Vide, ut, quod ore cantas, core credas, et quod core credis, operibus comprobes.*" That is, translated freely: "Be it crystal clear (we pray), that what we sing, we believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we live in our work day to day."

I can remember a time when most people seemed to think that music ministry only happened if everyone put on choir robes and the women took off their hats and ear rings. There's nothing wrong with decorum and uniformity, mind you, but I now think appearance has very little to do with effective music ministry. In my view, church choirs, worship teams, and instrumentalists -before the first mention of appearance or musical technique -must recognize their sacred calling: that what we do is a witness to our faith. If we don't believe the words we're singing or that the Holy Spirit is at work in the music we are playing, all the rest is for naught - a sham.

Is that not, good friends, what it's all about? For all of us in our daily living, musicians and non-musicians alike? Pastor Albert used the words of Jesus this past Sunday to exhort each of us to "Love your neighbor as yourself." We are called to make our Savior's words more than a comfortable phrase we can all repeat by heart. These words we speak, we must believe them in our hearts, and - if we truly believe them in our hearts - we must live them - every day.

## Grief Support Group...

will meet on Tuesdays starting September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. For more information please contact Dan Earnhardt at 752-3101.



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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEWS

### Amazing Journey Sunday School

This Sunday, September 14th, we will continue our study of Esther with our rotational Sunday school program. **The following volunteers are needed for teaching and shepherding for Sept. 21st: Bible Storytelling leader, Art leader, and shepherds for 1st grade, 2nd Grade, and 3rd grade.** Please contact **Beth Griffin** at 756-1226 or at [Ncgriff2@aol.com](mailto:Ncgriff2@aol.com) if you can help out.

**Attention families of Third Grade students:** Put October 12th on your calendars because your child will receive his/her Bible on that Sunday. You will be contacted in the next two weeks about this important event.

### New Beginnings Preschool Sunday School

We will continue our new Sunday School curriculum entitled **Rock Solid**. Two and 3 year olds will meet in room 110 with **Kim Chandler** and 4 year olds in room 214 with **Patty Marr**. Please contact **Kim Chandler** at [Kchandle@pcmh.com](mailto:Kchandle@pcmh.com) or at 321-2007 if you can help out or have any questions.

### Children's Church

**Kingdom Quest** continues this Sunday for children ages 4 year old preschoolers through 2nd grade. **Kingdom Quest** for the Praise & Worship service meets in room 111 with **Meredith Bonnette** and **Kingdom Quest** for the 11:00 am Traditional service meets in room 209 with **Patty Marr** and **Kim Kuhn**. Volunteers are needed to continue this fun and exciting program. Please contact **Bonnie Glass** at [Bbglass@aol.com](mailto:Bbglass@aol.com) or 413-0310 or **Beth Griffin** at [Ncgriff2@aol.com](mailto:Ncgriff2@aol.com) or 756-1226 if you can help out.

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008

7:00 a.m. - UM Men - TCLC  
 7:45 a.m. - Sanctuary Choir - rehearsal  
 8:15 a.m. - Morning Worship  
 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School for adults - Bill Brown Classroom - 114  
 9:00 a.m. - Praise & Worship - TCLC  
 9:15 a.m. - noon - Hooker Library open  
 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
 Prayer Comm. meets weekly to Pray after worship-Chapel

5:00 p.m. - UM Men's Evening Group - FH  
 5:30 p.m. - UMW Circle 1 - Parlor  
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Plunge - TCLC  
 6:15 p.m. - Jarvis Ringers - Music Lab  
 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. - The Current - TCLC

### Monday, Sept. 15, 2008

7:00 p.m. - Evangelism - Parlor  
 7:00 p.m. - Cub Pack - Gym/Flex

### Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Beth Moore Study - Parlor  
 12:00 - Tuesday Communion - Chapel - Open to all  
 5:30 p.m. - Finance - CR

### Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008

Hooker Library open 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
 9:15 a.m. - Preschool Committee - Rm. 205  
 9:45 a.m. - Intercessory Prayer Group - Rm. 201  
 10:30 a.m. - Staff meeting - CR  
 5:00 p.m. - Healing Service - Chapel  
 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. - Children's Choirs - TCLC  
 5:30 p.m. - Trustees - CR  
 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. - Orchestra  
 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Children's Program - TCLC  
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir  
 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Praise Team Band - TCLC  
 8:30 - 9:15 p.m. - Praise Team Vocals - TCLC

### Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008

### Friday, Sept. 19, 2008

"Seeking God's Face" Prayer Retreat - Ormond Cottage  
 Mother Child Retreat - Camp Don Lee  
 7:00 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast - K & W Cafeteria

### Saturday Sept. 20, 2008

"Seeking God's Face" Prayer Retreat - Ormond Cottage  
 Mother Child Retreat - Camp Don Lee  
 10:00 - noon - Recording Session for the Choir - Sanctuary

**11:00 a.m. service is broadcast live over WAGO-FM, 88.7 & 91.1.**

### Fellowship First

Every Sunday morning- coffee, doughnuts, hot chocolate, etc. available from 9:15-11:15 by the Parlor and in the TCLC.